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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE
(Case No.: MBHB00-830-A; 600/005)

In re the Application of:

Vargeese et al.

Serial No.: 09/887,182

Filed: June 22, 2001

For: METHOD FOR THE CHEMICAL
SYNTHESIS OF OLIGONUCLEOTIDES

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) Group Art Unit: 1623
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) Examiner: Josephine Young
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TRANSMITTAL LETTER

Commissioner of Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

In regard to the above identified application:

1. We are transmitting herewith the attached papers for the above-identified patent application:

- ☒ Response to Restriction Requirement;
- ☒ Petition for Extension of Time; and
- ☒ Return Receipt Postcard.

2. With respect to additional fees, attached is a check in the amount of \$985.00 pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 1.27(a).

3. **GENERAL AUTHORIZATION TO CHARGE OR CREDIT FEES:** Please charge any additional fees or credit overpayment to Deposit Account No. 13-2490. A duplicate copy of this sheet is enclosed.

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RESPONSE TO THE RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT
MAILED OCTOBER 2, 2002

Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

Dear Sir:

Responsive to the Restriction Requirement mailed October 2, 2002, Applicants hereby elect the claims of Group I, i.e., Claims 1, 3, 8, 10, 12, 19-22, 38, 40 43 and 46, drawn to compounds with an amine linker, classified in class 556, subclass 400⁺, for prosecution on the merits, with traverse.

The Applicants urge the Examiner to contact the Applicants' undersigned representative at (312) 913-0001 if the Examiner believes that this would expedite prosecution of this application.

Respectfully submitted,

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